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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please enter the following amendment in the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

--Claim 50. The apparatus of Claim 36, wherein said focusing apparatus includes elements for modifying said collimated light so as to improve the quality or sharpness of said focal point or focal plane. --